

The Purdy House  
107 Goldsborough Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

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Mid 19th century

The Purdy House is a frame structure, two stories in height with a hipped-roof supported by Italianate brackets. An octagonal tower, with pyramidal roof and imbricated shingles, was added when the building was remodeled early in the twentieth century. The house is now occupied by Easton's Mayor Henry H. Purdy and the Purdy family.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

Town of Easton

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Purdy House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

107 Goldsborough Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Henry H. Purdy and Elmira C.

Telephone #: 301-822-0572

STREET & NUMBER

107 Goldsborough Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 339

Folio #: 363

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This building stands on the north side of Goldsborough Street facing south; it is one of four mid-nineteenth century houses which remain on this block which is now at the edge of the downtown commercial district.

The main portion of this house is a structure two stories in height, three bays wide and two bays deep. At the rear of the structure is a wing, also two stories in height, two bays deep and as wide as the main portion of the house. Early in the twentieth century an octagonal tower was added to the front bay on the west side of the house. It has a pyramidal roof and its sides are sheathed in fish-scale shingles. Windows are found on the north, west and south faces of the tower on each floor; on the first and second floors tall, narrow one over one sashes are used. Windows at the top of the tower are quite low also with one over one sashes. The floor lines are marked by projecting bands which circle the tower.

Window openings on the front facade are not evenly spaced but placed to accommodate the interior arrangement of rooms and side hall. The sashes are two over two on the second floor. One over one replacement sashes on the first floor front once allowed passage from the living room to an earlier porch which extended across the front of the building. This porch, possibly original to the building, was removed about 1970 and the present one bay entrance porch added. The modern porch is supported by cast iron posts and is reached by a flight of steps at its west side. The main entrance has a chiseled leaf pattern in wood on the transom bar above the door and a transom light. Slender round pilasters flank the door opening; there are ornamental brackets above the pilasters and below the transom. The sidelights have three panes each. The four-panel front door has round-headed upper panels; door panels and panel backs beneath the side lights are trimmed with deep bolection moldings. This main entrance and door is of a type available from catalogues during the middle and late nineteenth century. This one resembles one advertised by a Baltimore firm.

This structure reflects the influence of the Italianate style on vernacular structures. Characteristically buildings are tall, rather picturesque structures, frequently enlivened with rows of ornamental brackets. This building represents a form associated with the earlier period of the Italianate style. It has a regular box-like form but is tall and has a row of deeply carved, scroll-like brackets at the cornice.

The building is covered with German ship-lap siding. The double cornerboards have a wide bead at the corner. The building is painted white; louvered shutters at each window are green. The roof is covered with dark green asphalt shingles.

The interior of the structure was altered when the tower was added. The stair was reversed and some of the original pine floors were covered with hardwood. The present stair has plain rectangular balusters and newel; paneling may be seen on the underside of the hung stair.

Remaining mantles are quite simple. Door and windows have wide frames trimmed with flat, broad molding.

The garden of this house runs back to Brewer's lane to the north. A long narrow yard opening onto an alley is typical of mid-to-late nineteenth century houses in Boston, although this one

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century houses in Easton, although this one is exceptionally deep. The yards would have accommodated kitchen gardens and outbuildings.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES    Mid Nineteenth Century    BUILDER/ARCHITECT  
                     Tower- Early Twentieth Century

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This building is significant for its architecture. It represents the blend of two styles, the earlier form the Italianate and the tower the late-nineteenth century Queen Ann.

The main house was probably constructed in the mid-nineteenth century when Italianate buildings, such as this one, were popular. At the time of construction, it would have been one of the earliest in the Goldsborough Street residential neighborhood. Early in the twentieth century, the building was owned by John W. D. Jump who added the tower and remodeled the interior. The house is now owned by Easton's Mayor Henry H. Purdy and the Purdy family.

L. /F256    In 1810, Sarah Nicols Troup sold those lots described as Lot #7 and #8 on the original town plat, which she had inherited from her brother, Henry Nicols. These lots were a part of an older farm "Longacres" and were bought by George Martin for \$1000.00. When Henry Nicols conveyed the property to his sister in 1795 it included a house and gardens on a half acre of land.

L26/F562    Henry Crosson and his wife sold the property in 1841, the property which he had inherited from George Martin, to James Anderson who was occupying the premises at the time. In 1863, Elizabeth Harper bought the lot and dwelling house 'for many years occupied by James Anderson' at public sale. Elizabeth and her husband Samuel deeded the property to be liquidated at their decease and Robert Willson bought it. John W. Jump purchased the property in 1871 from Robert Willson. He paid \$1950.00 for the lot, house, and stables. The Jump family were prominent in the mercantile field. John J. Jump ran one of the largest dry good stores in Easton at that time. The son inherited the place from his father in 1892, from his heirs, it was sold to Henry and Elirra C. Purdy in 1957. Mr. Purdy is the present Mayor of the Town of Easton, and Mrs. Purdy has made the garden to the rear of the house, a place of beauty.

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L77/F333

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RRS29/F284

L339/F363

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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Easton

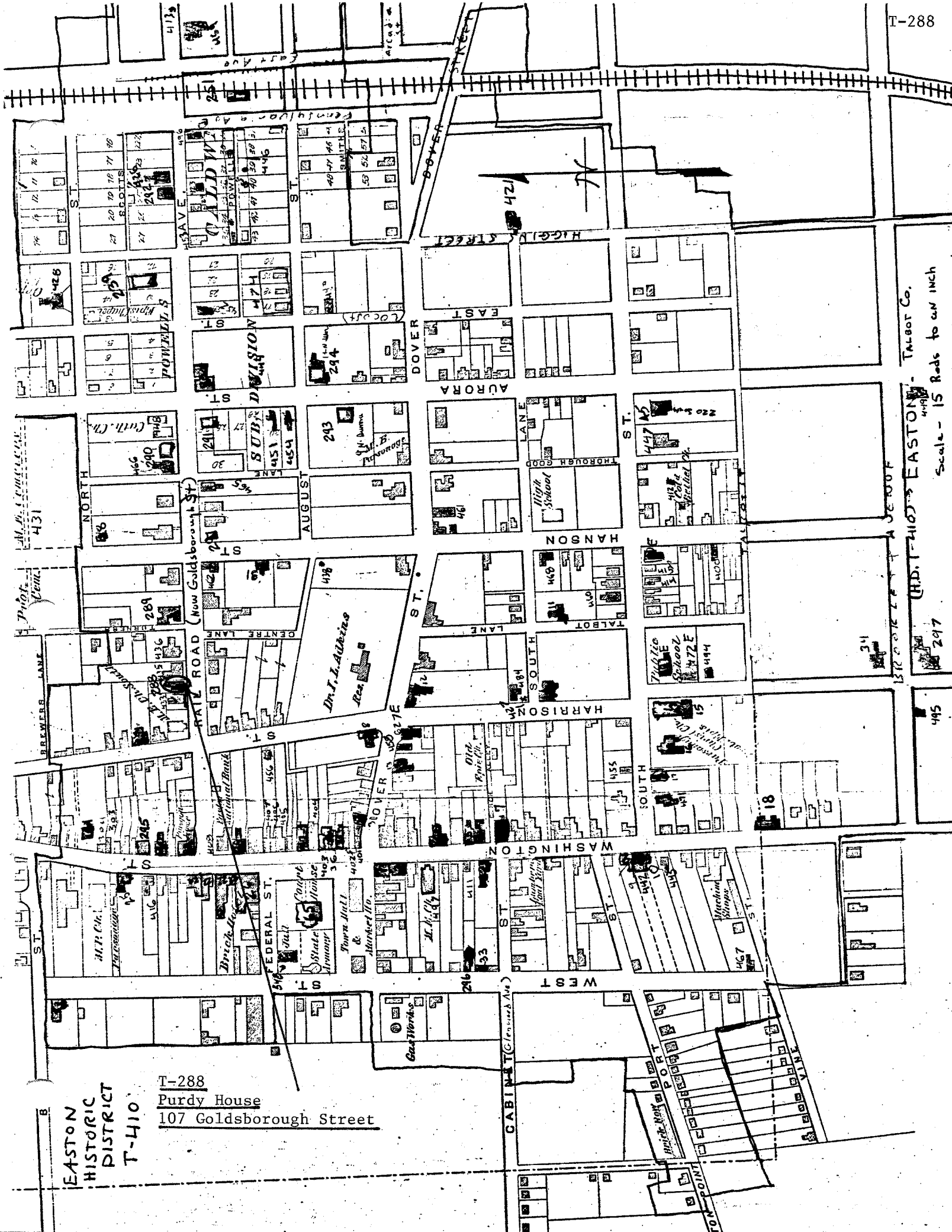
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T-410

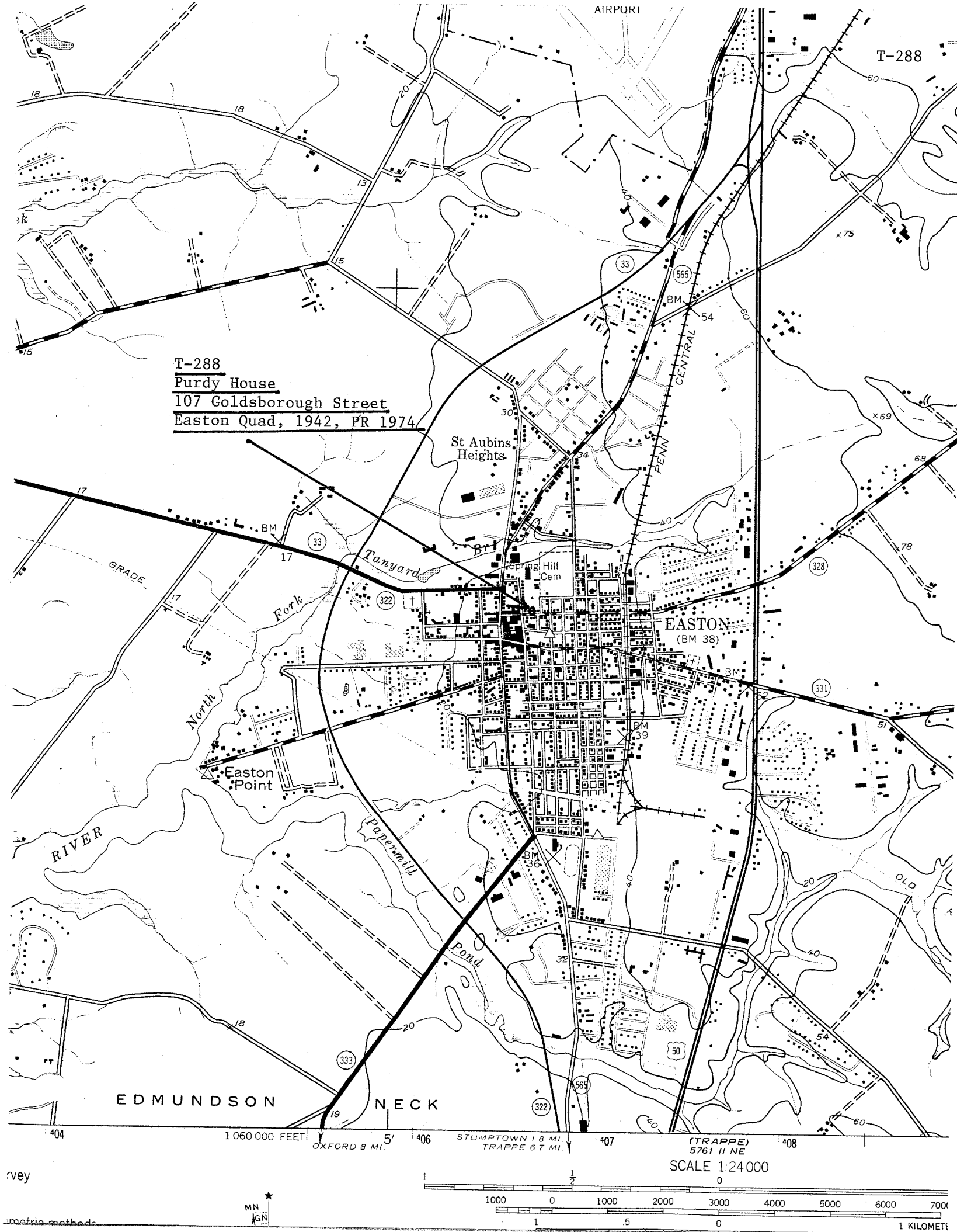
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Talbot Co.  
Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

495  
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974







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PURDY HOUSE

107 GOLDBOROUGH

EASTON, MD.

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